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Position Of Troops In India

New Delhi, May 17.
Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India and leader of the Cabinet Mission, told a press conference here today that British troops would be withdrawn from India immediately if the constitution framed by the Indians was one for complete independence outside the British Commonwealth. They would withdraw unless some arrangement was made and that would be entirely in the hands of the Indians.

Lord Pethick Lawrence said that the normal assumption was that the British troops would go but they would, of course, remain until the constitution was made. The provinces would have the right to ask for a revision of the constitution at the end of ten years. Referring to the King's title of "Emperor of India," he said: "Speaking without consideration," there would have to be a debate in Parliament and some definite steps would have to be taken with the consent of the King. The Labour Government had a considerable working majority in the House of Commons and he did not imagine that there would be serious difficulties.—Reuter.

Rome, May 17.
Admiral Elmy Stone, Chief of the Allied Commission, stated here tonight that the commission will not intervene to alter the date of the Italian elections and referendum on the Monarchy, which will take place on June 2.—Reuter.

Big Four Final Meeting Today

PARIS, MAY 17.
THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, M. MOLOTOV, INFORMED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO SEND A FOUR-POWER COMMISSION TO ALL THE OCCUPATION ZONES OF GERMANY TO INVESTIGATE THE STATE OF GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

AFTER A THREE AND A HALF HOUR MEETING ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO GERMANY, THE MINISTERS DECIDED TO HOLD WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE THEIR LAST MEETING UNTIL JUNE 15.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, informed his colleagues at yesterday morning's session of his government's acceptance of another U.S. proposal, that of a 25-year mutual assistance pact to assure German disarmament. Mr. Bevin said the British Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee, would make a statement in the House of Commons on the pact.

The conference, after three weeks of almost continual session, adjourned tonight until June 15, when they will again try to reach an agreement on the European peace treaties.

Before the conference ended, the Italian armistice terms were initiated and the terms are expected to be signed tomorrow by Signor De Gasperi, Italian Prime Minister, and Lieutenant-General Sir William Morgan, Allied Commander in the Mediterranean.

The last two informal sessions at the historic Luxembourg Palace, in France, were devoted to preliminary discussion on the future of Germany.

The British, American and Russian deputies, with experts and staff, are remaining in Paris to work out the reports, which will be presented to the Foreign Ministers when they meet here again next month. A wide gap separating the delegations in their approach

May Spread Today To Kowloon

AT 4 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY, AFTERNOON, WORKMEN OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY'S NORTH POINT POWER STATION WENT ON STRIKE, PUTTING THE TRAMS OFF THE ROAD. EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY'S STAFF STARTED A SKELETON SERVICE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO MEET MOST DEMANDS DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BUT CERTAIN DISTRICTS ON THE ISLAND WERE WITHOUT LIGHT AND POWER YESTERDAY EVENING.

ALTHOUGH THE STRIKE IS OBVIOUSLY IN SUPPORT OF DEMANDS FOR BETTER TREATMENT AND AN INCREASE OF SOME 63 PER CENT IN WAGE RATES, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED LAST NIGHT FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT THE BACKGROUND IS MORE A POLITICAL THAN AN ECONOMIC ONE. SUPPORTING THIS INFORMATION WERE STRONG REPORTS THAT KOWLOON WILL BE AFFECTED, POSSIBLY TODAY, BY A SYMPATHY STRIKE OF WORKMEN OF THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO.

It is also reported that the strikers' funds have been reinforced by donations from employees of the Hong Kong Tramways, although definite confirmation of this could not be obtained last night.

The workers presented their demands on Wednesday, together with a 24-hour ultimatum. Yesterday morning, representatives of the workers, of the company and of the Labour Office held meetings in an endeavour to avert the strike. The workers were told that the company accepted most of their demands in principle but the details would have to be worked out and this might take several days.

They were advised to postpone any action in the meantime. The workers, however, insisted on an immediate reply and refused to extend the "zero hour" of their ultimatum. At 4 p.m. yesterday, therefore,

the outgoing shift went off and the next shift failed to report for duty at the power station. The European staff at the power plant put into operation a skeleton staff and there is no fear that the supply of electricity to the island, as a whole, will be completely severed at least for the time being. Several districts, however, were without light or power last night.

When Hong Kong was liberated from the Japanese, the Navy took over the running of the North Point power house for the first few weeks. It was reported last night that naval parties had been warned to stand by in case of need, but no confirmation of this could be obtained.

The Electric Company has appealed to the public to restrict the use of electricity to the minimum, both to help the skeleton staff and to enable the supply to last as long as possible.

The first indication the general public had of the strike was when the trams stopped running. All trams were told to return to their sheds shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday. An official notice issued by the Tram Company said that the service was being withdrawn owing to a suspension of the power supply. The tram employees are not on strike.

Rickshaw pullers and bicycle and tricycle peddlers did a roaring business, and for once the demand exceeded the supply. Shortly after 5 p.m. Queen's Road East and other streets in the Central District were crowded with office workers walking home, in many cases after long waits for trams which never arrived.

Strikers' Meeting
A 8 o'clock last night, over 400 of the strikers held a meeting on the roof of their club at Hennessy Road, also present were representatives of other labour associations and groups, including the China Light and Power Co. Due to the fact the

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Vanguard Puts To Sea

Glasgow, May 17.
Britain's newest and fastest battleship, the monster "Vanguard" left the Clyde, where she was built, for Liverpool today, carrying out her official gun-tests on her way off the coast of Northern Ireland.

The "Vanguard" will return to the Clyde on June 17 next, for trials and speed tests which will continue until July 18, when she will leave for Devonport to be commissioned.

The first sea trials will be to South Africa early next year, when she will take Britain's Royal family for a tour of that Dominion.

"NATURALLY"

Cairo, May 17.
The Egyptian Premier, Ismail Sidki Pasha, told correspondents in Cairo yesterday that he had been officially informed by the British authorities that British troops had begun their evacuation of Cairo and Alexandria. Asked if this evacuation was in connection with the treaty revision negotiations the Prime Minister replied "naturally."—Associated Press.

America Now Third In Air Ranking

Seattle, May 17.
Harvey Stowers, assistant to the President Aircraft Industries Association, said today that America has allowed its air-power to disintegrate so rapidly since VJ Day it now ranks third instead of first among the world powers in the air today.

If attacked today, he told a Seattle Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting here, the nation would be little better prepared to defend itself than it was on December 7, 1941.

He said 95 per cent of the airplane that America possessed in the second World War is now obsolete. Russia has a programme for building 40,000 planes yearly, Britain is scheduled to turn out 10,000 planes yearly, and "our programme through 1947 provides for the construction of only 4,000 planes," he declared.—Associated Press.

SOCIALISTS TO MEET

Chicago, May 17.
Leading members of the British Government will attend the international Socialist conference organised by the Labour Party, which begins here tomorrow.

The following countries will be represented: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland.

The conference will be private.—Reuter.

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FRANCO TO TRY TWO COMMUNISTS

A Madrid message to Reuter today said that Santiago Alvarez and Sebastian Zaplamin, prominent Spanish Communists would be court-martialled at Alcalá de Henares.

They were arrested last September on charges of entering Spain illegally and have since been in prison awaiting trial.

Both men served in the Republican Army in the Spanish Civil War.

Their arrest, and particularly the report that they had been sentenced to death, gave rise to a storm of protest in France, Britain and other countries.

On Sept. 25, it was confirmed in London that the British Ambassador in Madrid, Sir Victor Mallet, had been instructed to warn the Spanish Government of the unfavourable impression which would be made if the men were executed on a political charge.

Recent trials of Republicans in Spain included those of two women and 35 men sentenced to prison terms by court martial at Alcalá de Henares on Feb. 28 on the charge of trying to reorganise a Spanish Socialist Party.

A recent estimate of the number of political prisoners in Spanish prisons was about 40,000.

U.N.O. CHAIRMAN IS "DEPRESSED"

NEW YORK, MAY 17.
DR. HAFEZ AFIFI PASHA, OF EGYPT, THE CHAIRMAN, SURPRISED THE U.N.O. SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING YESTERDAY BY DECLARING THAT HE WAS DEPRESSED BECAUSE THE COUNCIL HAD NOT SUCCEEDED FULLY IN ACCOMPLISHING ITS TASK, AND HE FERVENTLY APPEALED TO HIS COLLEAGUES TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO MAKE THE COUNCIL A REAL INSTRUMENT OF EVERLASTING JUSTICE.

"I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER WORLD WAR IS EVEN A POSSIBILITY," DR. AFIFI DECLARED.

Speaking with emotion at the end of the session at which he ended his month as chairman, Dr. Afifi said that the peoples of the world, a year after V-Day, were disappointed because the "ideals for which this war was fought seem to be forgotten."

He continued: "I refuse to believe that differences between nations—be they territorial, political or economic—cannot be settled amicably."

"I refuse to believe that greed is an inherent part of human nature."

Most of the Council sat expressionless as Dr. Afifi spoke. Sir Alexander Cadogan, British Security Council delegate, had just thanked and congratulated him on his "efficient and courteous chairmanship" and the Council expected only a formal response before rising.

Mixed Feelings

Instead, Dr. Afifi said that he relinquished the chair with "mixed feelings." "It was a great honour to Egypt to have presided over this great international body."

I believe that all peace-loving peoples of the world—this great mass of humanity—are disappointed with the state of affairs that prevailed in the world, a year after victory in Europe. They feel disappointed because they feel that "full and lasting peace is still far off."

Speaking slowly and solemnly, he said: "All that the great bulk of peoples of the world asks for is a decent standard of living that will assure them of three square meals a day, a comfortable home to live in and the four freedoms propounded by the late President Roosevelt. This good earth, if practically and fully exploited, is capable of providing all amenities required by every country."

Gromyko Returns

M. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet representative, returned to the Council as it began consideration of the proposals for new rules.

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Ceylon's New Constitution Announced

London, May 17.

The new constitution for Ceylon, the nearest approach that any British crown colony has yet attained towards dominion status, was announced in the British Parliament today by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. George Hall.

The present Ceylon State Council will be replaced by a Parliament consisting of the King, represented by the Governor, and two chambers, to be known respectively as the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Parliament will have full power to make laws for peace, order and good government of the island but it may not make laws which discriminate against any community, or religion, or interfere with the freedom of worship or with the constitution of religious bodies without their concurrence.

There will be a cabinet of ministers (one of whom will be the prime minister) who will be charged with the general directing and control of the government and will be collectively responsible to the Ceylon Parliament.

The Governor will be required to reserve for His Majesty's signature a few classes of bills. These include bills relating to defence and external affairs and bills, which in the Governor's opinion have evoked serious opposition by any religious or racial community and are likely to involve oppression or serious injustice to any such community. Bills relating solely to certain specified subjects, such as franchise and immigration are excluded from the classes of bills to be reserved.

The British Government retains the power to legislate by order in council for defence and external affairs, and amend or revoke the constitution.

Reuters political correspondent writes: "It is anticipated that it will take four to seven months before the new constitution comes into operation. The first step will be the setting up of a commission which will reorganise the parliamentary constituencies so that the minorities in the island will have a fair chance of representation in parliament. This commission will begin its work almost at once."

The next stage will be a general election and when parliament assembles and the government is formed, the government will announce formally that the new constitution is in being. Ceylon will not have the right under the new constitution to secede from the Empire and it is emphasised here that this step has been reached only because of the magnificent co-operation and readiness to compromise of the people of Ceylon.

The new Senate will have 30 members, half of whom will be elected by Parliament and half nominated by the Governor. The Governor's nominees will be chosen largely to ensure the rights of minorities. The particular problem in Ceylon is to guard the rights of the Tamil minority and the Governor's assent to legislation on communal issues is largely designed to protect the Tamil minority.

This new constitution is regarded as the latest outcome of the colonial policy of the British Labour Government, which is strongly in favour of developing self-government in all colonies. Ceylon has a very constant record of progress towards self-government. The first constitution in 1922, the second in 1931, the third in 1935, and the fourth in 1938, have all been milestones in the development of self-government in Ceylon. The new constitution is a further step in this process and is a landmark in the history of Ceylon.

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PLAN FOR INDIA

The British Cabinet Mission, having failed to secure agreement between the Muslim and Hindu communities, has evolved its own plan "to ensure the speedy setting up of a new constitution." Its main feature is a proposal to be submitted to the conflicting majority parties for their approval, urging the immediate creation of an interim government for all India, in which all portfolios would be held by Indian leaders, and to which the British Raj will hand over its authority. In other words, the issue is thrown back where it properly belongs. The future constitution is one for the Indians themselves to resolve. Britain is placing squarely upon the shoulders of India's responsible leaders the onus of tackling the core of their own problem.

It remains to be seen whether political ingenuity in that country is capable of rising to the occasion. Indian party leaders have quite evidently been left a little agitated by the British Government's concessions. Past extremist policy is deprived of its familiar cry that Britain is unwilling to give India her national rights, that she is concerned to exploit communal strife as an excuse for retaining her overriding control while conceding the minimum of Indian claims. Nothing now is withheld. All that Britain stipulates, and in India's own interest, is that she shall not be expected to abandon the country to civil war, or to lend itself to the destruction of what should be a united nation by communal partition between Congress India and Muslim "Pakistan." It has been made clear, after all, that partition would not end there, for the principalities would promptly demand their own separate entity, and even the Sikhs tabled a contingent demand for an independent Punjab. It is for this reason that Britain is determined that the Indian leaders shall carve out their own destiny. If the prize for which the nationalist movement has contended should, in the realisation, fall short of its legitimate conception, the British Raj is determined to incur no reproaches on that score.

Doubtless, it would have been more satisfactory if last week's conferences between the Cabinet Mission and the representatives of Congress and the Muslim League had succeeded in clearing the air of all past differences. In the absence of such an agreement, which it was perhaps too much to hope to achieve in the present state of political conflict, they are asked to support an interim government, of a federal nature, with its powers covering defence, currency, communications and foreign affairs, all other powers being invested in the provinces where autonomous government is already in full working order. The suggestion is that seats in the Federal Government be allotted to the provinces in proportion to its population, and divided according to the strength of the communities in each province. However this plan might appeal as a permanent solution by the Constitution-making body, it appears to be one which warrants the support of the main parties while the constitution is being drafted. It represents time and it represents opportunity; it is for India to show what use she can make of them.

TRUMAN THREAT

Washington, May 17. President Truman said at a news conference today he would order seizure by the government of the nation's railroads if the labor and management dispute was not settled before Saturday, the strike deadline.

BY THE WAY By **BEACHCOMBER**

Three hundred thousand, six hundred and forty-two people have written to ask whether Mahatma Mohlot, the Boy Wonder, plays the piano with his heels or with his toes. The answer is with both.

He uses his toes for delicacy of touch, and the full heel to produce the richer volumes of sound. Two days ago, he caught his left heel a crack against the side of the instrument, during a bout of pyrotechnics. The audience, who thought this was part of the performance, laughed with delight until the conductor turned on them and let them have a few barrack-room oaths out of the side of his mouth. But they continued to cheer, expecting to see a stream of water and old feathers issue from the instrument.

Another Sign Of Peace

The official list of Huntingdonshire cabmen, published annually, but interrupted by the war, is continued today with the publication of Part XVII. This takes us from G to M. The latest volume makes, of necessity, the same kind of reading as its predecessors. While there is nothing in it as startling as the Giffick, H. L., which made Part III so popular, the general reader will find much to interest him. I have space only to quote a typical passage on page 46:—

Hicks, G. L.
 Hipsman, F. T.
 Hippen, D.
 Hicks, P. L., should surely be Hicks, E. L.

Exciting Facts

Statistics are still arguing about the latest figures published for M.P.'s meals in the House of Commons. The official figure given is "295,069 meals and snacks during the last year." The figure for mouthfuls is 384,704,203. But experts argue that this may include half-mouthfuls, which, according to the Rules of Procedure, should not be included. Nor should parts of a snack put into the pocket for future use. Members, of course, are not expected to count their own mouthfuls. This is done by the official tellers.

A Useful Suggestion

Dear Sir,—Why cannot the miles and miles of barbed wire now rotting on dumps be used to keep people away from all the possible sites for the 1951 Mammoth World Fair? The present experiment in Kensington Gardens is indeed one more sign of a return to normal.

Yrs faithfully,
 ARTHUR GLAPIRON.

From Sydney To Hong Kong

Sydney, May 17. Mrs. G. J. Mills of Concord was guest of honour at a party given by friends and her sister Beryl Butterworth on the eve of her departure to join her husband, Comdr. G. J. Mills, in Hong Kong. A coolie hat of luscious fruits decorated the table. Prizes at a luncheon for Mrs. Richard Aitken-Quack, who is leaving for Hong Kong to join her husband, The hostess was Mrs. John Robinson. Lieut.-Comdr. (S) Alexander MacLean, R.N.V.R., of Inverness, was married at Woolahra to Dorothy Chenoweth of South Australia. They are going to make their home in Scotland. Recent bride Mrs. Barrington Funnell introduced her R.N.V.R. husband to the Australian bush when they visited Guangdong for the picnic races. Capt. H. L. Howden, commanding officer of Balmoral naval depot, entertained Rear-Admiral and Mrs. R. H. Portal, who are leaving soon for Melbourne. Among the guests were Capt. Nichol of H.M.S. Duke, York, Group Capt. Gaekell, R.A.F., was seen doing some strenuous shopping in battle dress and he needed it. Comdr. Beebe, Lieut. Robin Henniker-Heaton, Lieut.-Comdr. Vernon Graves, R.N., and Lieut.-Comdr. Ben Lyons, all of H.M.S. Implacable, were guests at a different fare-well parties at Prince's, where Lieut.-Comdr. Rodney Flynn was also in the limelight. Sub-Lieut. Peter Barton, R.N., was noticed at Romano's. Capt. John Illingworth, R.N. (of Raul fame) has been chosen by the Royal Ocean Yacht Club of England to sail his entry in the New York to Bermuda race. He and Mrs. Illingworth will leave for America on May 14.—Our Own Correspondent.

NEWSMEN CLEARED

Istanbul, May 17. The Turkish Court of Appeals yesterday reversed the decision that four journalists, who had "offended the dignity of the government through their printed articles," must serve prison sentences. The court said the journalists had merely expressed their views on the government's foreign policy.

SAYING GOODBYE TO ELBOW GREASE!

An American inventor has produced a device whereby twin belts can be moved together and separated again by pressing a button.

Whether the result is expected to be a reduction in the divorce rate I do not know, but the mechanism is a reminder that we are entering the age of the F.H.P. engine, an age in which practically anything we may desire can be done automatically. Fractional horse-power motors had to be developed to meet

and lighting can do this task also automatically.

The Big Change

Directly we have cheap air conditioning the whole problem of housekeeping will change. No longer will dirt fly in at the window and warmth fly out.

The war-time advances in small motor design have made this an immediate possibility. We could do away with windows that open and be all the better in comfort.

Next to housework, farm work is the worst form of heavy drudgery. The small motor can take care of any job which depends on motion of any kind—butter churning, cream separating, milking, air drying of hay, fruit, and vegetables, cutting and pulping animal feeds, stirring or pumping liquids.

It can also do automatically many jobs which once forced people to get up before dawn. In fact, the day's mechanical jobs can be set on clock dials in the morning, and the farmer will know that each one will be done at its appointed time without any hand going near.

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SECRET ARSENAL
 Copenhagen, May 16. Following the discovery of a secret arsenal by Danish police the town of Toeshaer was patrolled and a strengthened guard was sent to the nearby Danish-German frontier.

An unidentified person, who had been held by the police, revealed a secret cache in a forest, where a huge mound of rifles, machine guns and ammunition of German origin was hidden.

The police said that they had obtained several documents from the cache, which showed that the cache was a secret German arsenal.

FOOT AND MOUTH
 Jerusalem, May 16. An outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Palestine was described as the most severe ever experienced here, and 220 Arab and Jewish villages were said to have reported diseased cattle recently, 118 of them in April alone.—Associated Press.

LADY IN ENGLAND
 London, May 17. A lady in England was said to have been the first to wear a dress made of synthetic material.

HISTORIC COMMONS SCENE

Labour-Tory Clash Looms On India

U.S. Eating Well

Washington, May 17. The United States today is eating itself into a new record for per capita food consumption, despite shortages in grain and fats at home and abroad, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

The forecast of record-breaking domestic food consumption in 1946 was based on the year's statistics to date and the prospects for the coming months. The Bureau said the number and quantity of most of the foods expected to be available to meet the nation's unprecedented appetite is limited and the consumer demand will probably be far greater than the supply.

The Bureau estimated that per capita food consumed will be 14 per cent greater than the average for the pre-war period between 1935 to 1939. It also said the nutritive value of the per capita food supply is expected to be close to the 1945 figure, while the number of calories available per person daily will average about 300 as compared to 335 in 1945 and 3,250 in the 1935 to 1939 period.—Associated Press.

Shook His Fist At King Carol

Bucharest, May 16. The principal accused in the war crimes trial of the Antonescu government were given opportunities to say their last words today.

Former Marshal Antonescu spoke for two hours, calling his fellow-accused "rats," but he denied that he should be blamed for crimes of abuses, by which he apparently referred to the massacres at Jassy and Odessa.

The ex-marshal added, "I shook my fist at Carol for destroying our frontiers and I will die doing so."

Mihal Antonescu, deputy prime minister under the Nazis, repeatedly begged the pardon of "the Russian officers" in court for all this, and attempted to defend his war position theoretically, but was out short by the chief magistrate.

The chief magistrate hustled the accused constantly during the session, now apparently wanting an early end to the trial. The verdicts will probably be given on Friday.—Associated Press.

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Liberal Support Of Government

LONDON, MAY 17. A CLASH OF OPINION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION WAS CLEARLY FORESHADOWED BY THE DISCUSSION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON INDIA IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY. WHILE WINSTON CHURCHILL, AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, SAID IT WAS UNWISE TO ATTEMPT DETAILED COMMENT AT THIS STAGE ON THE CABINET MISSION'S PROPOSALS, POLITICAL OBSERVERS CONSIDERED HIS SUBSEQUENT REMARKS SHOWED BEYOND DOUBT THAT CONSERVATIVE OPINION DOES NOT GO BEYOND OFFERING INDIA DOMINION STATUS.

Moreover, Mr. Churchill reiterated the provisions which were made at the time of the Cripps 1945 mission that such status should depend on a broad agreement between the principal Indian parties, and a provision in the new constitution for discharge of obligations to minorities.

It was a subdued House that listened to Prime Minister Attlee's and Mr. Churchill's statements. A hush spread over the packed benches as an unusually boisterous question time ended and the Premier rose on the motion for adjournment to make the eagerly expected announcement.

Socialist members overflowed onto the opposition benches, and many, unable to find seats, stood beyond the bar of the House to listen to Mr. Attlee and Mr. Churchill.

Indians Present

No sound beyond an occasional "hear hear" interrupted either speaker, but the moment Mr. Churchill resumed his seat members flocked out of the chamber, leaving a mere handful to hear Mr. Clement Davies (Liberal, Montgomery) express his party's point of view, and Mr. William Gallacher the Communist.

There were many Indians, including several groups of students, listening from the visitors' gallery.

Mr. Attlee apologised to the House for the length of the White Paper, but his reading of it occupied only half an hour. While he spoke, Mr. Churchill, with a look of concentration on his face, first checked through a large note book with a gold pencil, then leaned his head on his hand and listened intently.

Next to him, former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden lolled in almost a recumbent position with his eyes closed.

Mr. Churchill rose immediately after the Prime Minister left the dispatch box. He revealed that he had been given a copy of the White Paper by Mr. Attlee the previous evening, and had studied it into the early hours of the morning.

Churchill Argument

Mr. Churchill said: "We do not even know the legislative steps which may be required to set up an interim government, in the event of an agreement being reached; for the creation of a new constitution, for the abrogation of the King's title of Emperor of India."

"Therefore, I say in the name of the Opposition that a new situation has been created, which we are bound to review in the light of existing facts and we reserve out entire freedom of action as to the future

course of action we should take."

Mr. Churchill also recalled that an attempt by his Conservative Government, one year ago, to settle the Indian question was based on two principles: there should be no limit on India's freedom to decide her own destiny; to achieve this, the main elements of Indian life would have to be "consenting parties" to a constitution, or constitutions, framed by Indians.

There was a new situation now, Mr. Churchill added. The main elements of Indian life were not "consenting parties." The Cabinet Mission, which could not be blamed for the impasse, had laboured with sincerity and earnestness, Mr. Churchill stated.

"The fact that they have failed, through no fault of their own, is a fact which should be brought to the attention of the Indians and of the people not only in this country, but throughout the world," said the Opposition Leader.

Liberal Support

Mr. Clement Davies, Parliamentary leader of the Liberal Party, described Mr. Attlee's statement as one of the "most tremendous" ever made in the House of Commons. He hoped that when the time came for Britain to hand over the "Sceptrum" to India, it would not be an occasion for internal strife and disunion.

Mr. Davies added, that the "united expression of gratitude from here and from India is due to the three members of Government for their patience, courage and efforts to resolve this difficult matter, which affects not only the position of India among world states, but the future government and well-being of 400,000,000 people."

"This is not the moment to utter any thought which might in any way jeopardise or affect the advisory possibility of a satisfactory settlement being arrived at by all. I would only like to say that in the history of our relation with India for over 200 years, our history has been honourable one, of which any people and any government may justifiably be proud. We may have made mistakes and have had our faults, but never in the whole course of history can any empire show such a fine record of tolerance, understanding and justice. This country has not only shed its blood in and on behalf of India. It has given to India some of its finest men. We have done our best to teach and be kind and to help them to arrive at the present moment when, as free people, they can take over the government of their own land and take up a proud part in the councils of the world state. We are conscious at the same time of the great contribution that the Indian people themselves have made throughout generations."

Appalling Task

"Another prayer is that political leaders will quickly settle their differences, that passion will give way to reason. There is a task in front of the leaders and rulers, the magnitude of which appals me. The problem there is one of the greatest urgency—how to provide for the well-being and betterment of 400,000,000 people, half of whom, at least, are all the time on the brink of starvation, and half are illiterate."

Mr. Davies said: "The two Communist Parties, the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League, are the only parties which have been able to maintain a united front."

Mr. William Gallacher, one of the two Communist Party members in the House, said the White Paper would be a "great step forward" in the history of India, but it would be a "great step backward" if it did not lead to a "complete and final settlement of the Indian question."

Charge Of Hooliganism

Washington, May 16. The United States has demanded that Russia drop a charge of "hooliganism" against an American embassy clerk in Moscow, and allow him to leave the country immediately. Russia has refused.

This was learned from American diplomatic officials who indicated that the case of Waldo Ruess was becoming a full-blown diplomatic incident involving the State Department, the Embassy in Moscow and the Kremlin.

American sources say the Russians brought the charges against Ruess as retaliation for the arrest in this country on March 26 of a Soviet naval lieutenant, Nicolai Redin, on a charge of espionage.

Two weeks ago the Soviet Union accused Ruess of committing "hooliganism" toward a Russian actress in February. Ruess, who was not arrested or asked to post bail, received a summons on May 4 to appear before the Moscow city prosecutor. The embassy took the position that Ruess had diplomatic immunity and Ruess did not appear.

Russia rejected the argument of immunity. Thereupon the embassy asked for an exit visa for Ruess and demanded the charges be dropped. This was refused and the Soviet foreign office issued a new summons.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN REACTION

Washington, May 17. First congressional reaction to Britain's plan for a union of India came from Representative Walter Judd, who said he believed the British Cabinet Mission proposed the plan at the Simla conference where it was rejected. "If the plan was not proposed at the conference," he said, "then the mission has not been sincere with India. I don't believe the Indians will accept it, but if they mean civil war it will be better if they give the plan a trial."—Associated Press.

TRUMAN'S DRAFTING ORDER

Washington, May 17. President Truman today ordered the drafting of men between 20 and 30 years old. He told newsmen: "We must save what we can from the near wreckage of the selective service system."

The President said the extension of the draft was rushed through Congress hastily. He declared a draft head told him exemption of the teen age group reduces the number of men available each month from approximately 35,000 to around 5,000.—Associated Press.

on the India issue. The debate had been stayed on a motion for adjournment of the House—a technique making possible discussion of matters not on the agenda. Under the rules of the House, no vote can be taken at end of such a debate.—Associated Press and Reuter.

India Plan Real Step Towards Independence

New York, May 17. The British plan for a federal union in India was welcomed today in New York by Mr. K. C. Neogi, the Indian representative on the United Nations human rights commission and Congress member of the Indian legislature.

Describing the plan as a real step towards independence, he said: "It may only remain to be seen what attitude (Hindu and the Muslim League) will take. If they will cooperate on the basis of a federal union, which reserves a place for the Indian states, then the British plan is a real step towards independence. If they do not, then the British plan is a real step towards the end of British rule in India."—Associated Press.

Girl Spills The Beans

Milan, May 17. The Milan police have arrested a girl named Piera in connection with the snatching of the body of Benito Mussolini from a secret grave here. She was secretary to Vincenzo Costa, the last Fascist Federal Secretary of Milan.

A plain-clothes policeman who had watched the girl for some time gained confidence and information gained from her is stated to have led to the identification of all who played a leading part in the body snatching.—Reuter.

Egypt Backs Up Arabs

Cairo, May 16. Egyptian Foreign Minister Lufti of Said Pasha told the Chamber of Deputies that his Government "and the nation denounce the Palestine report and support Arabs in Palestine."

He said his government has instructed diplomatic representatives in Washington and London to tell the United States and Britain that the "report caused tension in all Middle Eastern states and needs complete rejection."

During the Chamber debate on the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee's report, the deputy of the Wafdist Opposition Party demanded that Egypt bring the Palestine question before the United Nations Security Council.—Associated Press.

Taking The Right Steps

Sydney, May 16. Britain is taking the right steps to ensure that the Commonwealth does not disintegrate, Justice Thomas C. Davis, Canada's High Commissioner for Australia, said today.

Mr. Davis, who is leaving for Canada next week, said in an interview: "The independence and self-governing tendencies of various units are healthy signs. An India that remains a member of the Empire of its own volition is a more powerful ally than an India that remains reluctantly in the Commonwealth." The same principle, he said, applied to Egypt.

"The more units of the Empire that can graduate from colonies to dominions and independent self-governing members of the Commonwealth, the stronger the Empire will be," he said.—Associated Press.

OLD IRONPANTS

Newcastle on Tyne, May 16. Peter Fanning, 61, who has never spent a clothes coupon in this city, still is wearing trousers he bought in 1899. "I buy good clothes of the best materials and look after them," he says.—Associated Press.

SOVIET DEAD

Praque, May 16. Over 7,000,000 Soviet citizens "sacrificed their lives so that Europe should be free," said V. A. Zorin, the Soviet Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, at ceremonies commemorating the Russian capture of Bratislava. He gave no statistics as to how many were soldiers or civilians.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE

THE AMERICAN CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the American Club will be held in the Club premises on Monday, May 27th, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers for the current year and to receive the report from the Working Committee on the rehabilitation of the Club.

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Thousands Dying Of Hunger

CANTON, MAY 16. BECAUSE OF THE FAMINE, THOUSANDS OF PERSONS ARE DYING OF HUNGER IN LINGNING AND PAO-CHING IN CENTRAL HUNAN, WHILE HIGHWAY COMMUNICATIONS ARE IMPAIRED BY HEAVY RAINS WHICH WASHED AWAY BRIDGES, BISHOP IGMATIUS KANZEI OF THE KUKONG CATHOLIC MISSION SAID TODAY.

RICE IN HUNAN WAS SOLD FOR AS HIGH AS CN\$100,000 A PICUL, AND THE HUNAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BANNED THE EXPORT OF RICE TO KWANGTUNG, HE SAID.

Simultaneously to this talk, Bishop F. A. Donaghy of Wuchow reported a serious cholera epidemic with a daily death rate of 50 to 60 which struck the Kwangsi Province river-port.

He reported the epidemic has spread 100 miles toward Luchow. Dr. Frank Herrington, chief U.N.R.R.A. regional medical officer, added that the epidemic menaced the entire Kwangsi and Kwangtung Provinces.

"U.N.R.R.A. supplies are being rushed from Canton to north Kwangtung, but they have reached no further than Pingahok, the border town, as the highway further up was damaged by the heavy rains of the past few days," Bishop Kanzei said.

"Even the highway between Canton and Kukong is damaged

by rain. I took four days to get here by a C.N.R.R.A. truck."

Heavy Barrages

"Bandits are active at Mei-hang, about midway between Canton and Kukong. The driver and several occupants of a C.N.R.R.A. truck were robbed on May 10 after they had been fired upon," he declared.

The Bishop said banditry is also rife in Yenhu, Chihsing and Nanyung in north Kwangtung near the Kiangsi border, while the Communists are demanding food in return for protecting the people. Kukong is quiet, and there is no cholera there, he added.

"The Kukong county government received some U.N.R.R.A. supplies and did good relief work," the Bishop said. "It is a good sign that the people want to be inoculated against cholera. The British Red Cross distributed medical and food supplies to the orphanages and homes for the aged and blind."

"C.N.R.R.A. is maintaining several cheap restaurants and charging C.N.\$100 for a meal. Rice came in from Kiangsi but did not stop at Kukong, but went to other places where prices are higher. Kiangsi rice is sold at C.N.\$30,000 a picul, whereas the price in Kukong is C.N.\$54,000."

"The Methodist Hospital in Kukong is doing excellent preventive work with supplies donated by the American Advisory Committee," he concluded.—Associated Press.

May Sentence To Stand

London, May 17. Mr. James Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, said in the House of Commons today that he had been unable to find any grounds upon which he would be justified in recommending any interference with the sentence of ten years imprisonment recently imposed on Dr. Alan Nunn May, British atom scientist, found guilty in London of conveying information on atomic research to unauthorized persons.

Mr. Ede was replying to Mr. W. J. Brown, Independent Member, who asked whether the Home Secretary would review the sentence passed on Nunn May.

Contending that Nunn May had suffered a much heavier sentence than has been applied to those who have sold their country for money, Mr. Brown then asked if, "in view of the fact that the whole issue of atomic bomb secrecy constitutes an extremely doubtful ethical area," the Home Secretary would not look into the matter again.

"It was open to this man to appeal against the sentence," replied Mr. Chuter Ede. "He would have run certain risks had he done so, but he can still apply for an extension of time within which to lodge an appeal. I can understand, although I cannot condone, the attitude of a man who said that he was willing to make the knowledge he had secured generally available, but this man did sell the knowledge he had acquired in the service of this country to a foreign power for their private and particular use," Ruter.

Shanghai, May 17. A new customs ruling yesterday established a 200 per cent surtax beyond the normal 100 per cent duty on luxury items such as cosmetics, toys and automobiles carrying less than seven passengers and costing over \$1,200 which were ordered prior to March 1.—Associated Press.

Washington, May 17. Indian and United States Government representatives have signed a Land Lease Agreement settling accounts involving the many millions of pounds it was learned that the British Government had agreed to pay the United States Government.

SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

Tokyo, May 17.

Allied Headquarters today launched a search for information on an American-born woman, last seen in the Indian Ocean in March 1944 clambering down the hatch of a Japanese submarine which had just torpedoed the Dutch ship on which she was sailing from Australia to India.

The woman is Mrs. Vera Annette Gordon Brittain, said to be the wife of a British officer whom she married nearly 10 years earlier at Penang, Federated Malay States.

The Japanese Government is to be asked to assist in obtaining information as to her fate. According to available information Mrs. Brittain, a writer, was evacuated from Penang in 1942, to Singapore. She later made her way to Australia via Java, and in March of 1944, she obtained passage on a Dutch ship sailing from Australia to Calcutta.

The ship was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean, and survivors reaching India, told a blood-chilling story of last seeing Mrs. Brittain and the Dutch ship's captain hauled aboard the Japanese submarine and descending the hatch. Nothing further has been heard concerning her or her fate. Allied Headquarters, Adjutant-General's office had no record of her as a war prisoner.—Associated Press.

British Food From Denmark

Copenhagen, May 17.

A communique issued tonight at the conclusion of the food talks held here during the past three days between British and Danish representatives, stated: "Representatives of the British Government put before the Danish Government proposals for forward contract covering 1946 to 1949 for the export of bacon and eggs to the United Kingdom."

"As far as 1948 and 1949 are concerned, the proposals have as their main idea to guarantee a minimum price for a substantial proportion of Danish exportable surplus in these commodities."

"Discussions have taken place between Danish and British delegations regarding the interpretation of these proposals and the result will now be placed by the delegations before their governments."—Ruter.

French Wines For Britain

London, May 17. The Ministry of Food announces that negotiations have been concluded for importation of considerable quantities of wines and spirits from France during the remainder of 1946.

Some time may elapse before shipments begin, and the wines will not be on sale until considerably later this year. The proposed expenditure during 1946 is nearly 4,000,000 on wines and spirits which constitute one of the main imports into Britain from France. Quantities of less expensive wines will be imported, including Chateaux, bottled Bordeaux and Burgundy wines, as well as those from Cotes du Rhone and Alsace. Brandy imports will include a small portion of Armagnac. It is hoped to import 100,000 gallons of less expensive still wines, 400,000 gallons named still wines, 100,000 gallons of Vermouth and Apertif and 850,000 gallons of sparkling wines.—Ruter.

STOLE CLOG-STRAPS

Having pleaded at a previous hearing that he had nothing to do with a gang of three men who were holding up a rubber goods shop at 678, Shanghai Street, shortly after noon on April 6, Tam Cheung, unemployed, came up again before Mr. Horace Lo at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Tam had admitted being on the premises at the time of the robbery. He admitted also having stolen a basket of clog-straps, but angrily denied having had anything to do with the robbery. When he came up before the magistrate again yesterday, the original charge of armed robbery was withdrawn. He pleaded guilty to the larceny of a basket of clog-straps and was sentenced to one month with hard labour.

"CEASE-FIRE TEAM" INVESTIGATES

NANKING, MAY 16. AS REPORTS OF FURTHER CIVIL STRIFE REACHED THE CAPITAL, A SPECIAL SINO-AMERICAN THREE-MEN "CEASE-FIRE" TEAM INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL CHINA MOVED TO SPEED AN AGREEMENT ON ITS FINDINGS.

A SPECIAL NANKING DISPATCH TO A PEIPING NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF UNITED STATES GENERAL BYROADE, A NEW AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AT NANKING ON MAY 12 BY WHICH THE TEAM'S DECISIONS BECAME EFFECTIVE WHEN TWO INSTEAD OF THREE MEMBERS AGREE.

Lieut.-Gen. Cheng Kai-min, government representative at the Peiping Executive Headquarters, flew to Nanking on a special plane on a trip believed to be concerned with the resumption of the truce negotiations.

Meanwhile, in Mukden, General Tu Yu-ming's northeast headquarters of the government hinted at possible military developments on the Sze-ping-kai front when he reported that the Chinese Communists used planes to attack the government's railroad supply lines between Kaiyuan and Sze-ping-kai. He said two Communist aircraft on May 14 machine-gunned the Nationalist supply trains in north Kaiyuan and other Communist planes were seen in the area in the last few days.

Badits Rife

He said the fighting in Sze-ping-kai where the Government forces hold half the city has been restricted to skirmishes with the Communists pouring heavy but brief artillery barrages into the Government positions.

In Nanking, Central News reported from Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, that two Communist regiments and reinforcements totalling 2,000 men attacked Government positions south of Yinghsien on May 9. The report said part of the Communist new 4th army of 50,000 men blockaded Kukao in northern Kiangsu and that 100,000 Communists are ready to launch an offensive against Nantung which is in Government hands.—Associated Press.

U.S. BASES IN CHINA

Shanghai, May 17. Admiral Charles M. Cooke, commanding the 7th fleet, at a press conference yesterday stated that "no United States navy bases are being constructed in China." He was replying to rumours that Tsingtao was being converted into a base. The admiral said that there were only shore facilities for fleet units in Tsingtao. He added that the 7th fleet was unmolested by any communist activities which were reported at present on the outskirts of Tsingtao.—Associated Press.

SOVIETS LEAVE MANCHURIA

Nanking, May 17. The Chinese vice-minister for foreign affairs, Liu Chien, said today that he had been informed that all Russian troops had been withdrawn from Manchuria.

Liu said "I would think this includes Dalren." Presumably Port Arthur would not be affected since it is a Soviet naval base under the Chinese-Russian treaty.

Liu said his information came from General Tung Pen-ping, head of the Chinese military mission in Vladivostok.—Associated Press.

U.N.O. CHAIRMAN IS "DEPRESSED"

(Continued from Page 1) The new French delegate M. Alexandre Poutou, took his seat in place of M. Henri Bonnet and the council adjourned until Friday after meeting for two hours.

The council did not act on the request of the Australian delegate Mr. Paul Hasluck that the matter of admitting new members be deferred, and that the council arrange for consultation with the general assembly before final action was taken.

The assembly is to meet in New York on Sept. 8. The Australian delegate maintained that the United Nations charter makes it clear that the assembly is the only body of the organization which has the power to decide on admitting new members.

The proposed rules would provide for the security council to consider applications for membership and to make recommendations to the assembly for admission. Ruter and Associated Press.

SIAM INCIDENT

Washington, May 16. The United States and Britain have asked France to guard against any violations of Siamese territory by French troops in Indo-China, government officials said today.

These "suggestions" were sent to Paris following published reports that French troops fired across the Mekong River with machine-guns and rifles a week ago, damaging buildings in the Siamese town of Makhong, Phnom.

The reports said the French opened fire after the Siamese had refused to turn over refugee Annamites who had opposed the post-war return of French control over Indo-China. American and British officials in Siam are expected to investigate the affair.—Associated Press.

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C. H. SANSOM,

Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, 7th May, 1946.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

The attention of the public is directed to the fact that it is an offence for any person suffering from an Infectious Disease to present himself in any public place, or to use any form of Public transport, except that the transport of Infected Persons to any hospital or other place approved by the Health Officer, if carried out with proper precautions, shall not be deemed an offence.

J. P. FEHILY,
Acting Director of Medical Services.

Hong Kong, May 11, 1946.

GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG

Concerns which have claims in respect of orders for supplies placed by the War Supplies Board, Hong Kong, prior to the 8th December 1941, are requested to register such claims with the Accountant-General, Princes Building, before the 30th June 1946. Acceptance of registration does not imply recognition of any particular claim but when the relevant data has been collected instructions will be sought from the originators of the orders as to the disposal of such claims.

C. G. S. FOLLOWS,
Acting Financial Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 16, 1946.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Company announces that owing to notification this afternoon of a suspension of power supply all trams have had to be withdrawn from service. Inconvenience to the general public thus arising is most deeply regretted.

W. Y. SIMMONS,
Acting General Manager.

Hong Kong, May 17, 1946.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

SATURDAY, 18th MAY.
Airmail for Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (Iraq Victory) (Parcels) 9.00 a.m. (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Maetan) 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai (Hupei) 3.00 p.m.

Haliphong (Buey) 3.00 p.m.
Amoy (Hai Nya) 3.00 p.m.
Wuchow (Man King) 3.00 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Red.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Kwongchowwan (Tsinshan) 5.00 p.m.

Swatow (Haiyang) 5.00 p.m.
Manila, P.I. (Windermere Park) 5.00 p.m.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Glaucaus) (Parcels) 4.30 p.m. (Reg.) 4.45 a.m. (Ord.) 5.00 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 19th MAY.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 20th MAY.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (Sal On) 9.00 a.m.

Hoihow and Haliphong (Artemis) 10.00 a.m.
Bangkok (Edna) 10.00 a.m.

Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Mauritius, Madagascar and Bombay (Sea Shark) 10.00 a.m.

Wuchow (Nam Lung) 1.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Australia via Sydney (Kalspaki) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 a.m.

Wuchow (Wing Sing) 3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton and Hoihow (C.N.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 21st MAY.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Shanghai (Wing Sang) 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via London (Glenap) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Straits (Anhui) 2.00 p.m.
Airmail for Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.
Canton (Fatchan) 9.00 a.m.

Formosa (Kwok On) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Saloon and Bangkok (Mongolia) 2.45 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Van Heuts) 2.45 p.m.

Shanghai and Manila (King Haakon VI) 10.00 a.m.
Osaka, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gemini) (Parcels) 2.45 p.m. (Reg.) 2.55 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

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THE DANISH GIRL

Britain Should Keep Pacific Bases

LONDON, MAY 16.

THREE OF LONDON'S LEADING NEWSPAPERS DEVOTED EXTENSIVE COMMENT TODAY TO THE QUESTION OF PACIFIC ISLAND BASES SOUGHT BY THE UNITED STATES.

THE "DAILY HERALD" IN A TOP HEADLINE URGED THAT "BRITAIN KEEP ITS BASES" ALTHOUGH IT REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT DEFENSE POLICY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

MARRIAGE MART IS BOOMING

(By Richard Kasichko)

Frankfurt, May 16.
The marriage mart is booming in occupied Germany.

In downtown Frankfurt you can pick a candidate for wife or husband right off a public notice board, next to the one which offers articles for trade or sale. Many more marriage offers are carried in classified advertising columns of some newspapers.

The ratio of women to men is disproportionately high in Germany because of war losses. In the 19 to 45 age groups, in the American zone—so naturally women are in the majority as bidders in the marriage columns. But offers from men are increasing as more and more return from prisoner-of-war camps and seek to start life anew.

Offers come from all age groups—girls scarcely twenty to men and women in the sixties. Many young war widows are among the bidders.

Possessions Are Bait
Women especially make a point of stating what they have to offer—especially in hard-to-get lodgings and furniture. A 29-year-old widow describes herself not only as "dark and attractive" but emphasizes that she owns household furniture.

A widow aged 40 lists her "good looks," admits she has a 19-year-old son who's also "handsome," then adds that she owns "a house and garden in Oberbaden."

Many women advertise their "good health" ahead of good looks. One says she is "a woman of sixty who represents herself 'intelligent and vigorous' bids for an 'elderly man'."

Men's offers are briefer but some of them pointedly advertise that they were "not Nazi party members."—Associated Press.

The "Daily Express" said Australia and New Zealand were deeply concerned on the subject of bases while the "News Chronicle" termed certain islands as an inner defense line of the south Pacific dominions.

Meanwhile Washington advisers said the United States and Britain reportedly were making satisfactory progress in discussions on control of several disputed strategically located Pacific islands. Some Washington quarters speculated that Admiral William Leahy, chief-of-staff to President Truman, might be going to London to discuss possible maintenance of joint worldwide Anglo-American defense interests.

Considerable Demands

The "Daily Herald" said it already has been made clear that Britain and the dominions are opposed to any ceding of bases anywhere to the United States. The dominion representatives endorse the policy of the British government that the defense bases must be made available for all the United Nations forces and would welcome the closest association with the United States in a joint defense policy.

Both Australia and New Zealand are ready to give full facilities if a reciprocal arrangement is made for the United States bases.

The diplomatic writer of the "Daily Express" said the U.S. Secretary of State did not favor Mr. Bevin's view that the United States should be given the bases only if America joined in a general South Pacific defense scheme. The writer added "American demands are considerable. Had they been made by this country they would certainly have produced an outcry of imperialist expansion."

Inner Line

"Public opinion in America is reported to be strongly behind the United States demands but it is important to remember public opinion in Australia and New Zealand is also deeply concerned. Australian troops played a much larger part in driving the Japanese out of the south Pacific than the American gave them credit for and the New Zealanders also took part in the drive northward from the Solomons."

The "News Chronicle" declared the islands in question "may be important outposts for the United States but they are the inner line of defense for the two southern dominions." It added "We do not forget that the major effort in breaking the Japanese hold on the Pacific was by the United States and the American demand for more bases does not appear unreasonable when looked at from Washington's strategic window."

Regional Basis

The paper declared internationalization of the entire Pacific immediately "would be too much to hope for but added 'On the other hand there seems to be no reason why it should not be planned on a regional basis. This would provide for the strategic islands of the southwest Pacific to be administered through a trusteeship council by the most interested powers: Australia, New Zealand, Holland, France and China and for the rest again under the supervision of the United Nations, under the predominant influence of the United States and Canada.'

The "News Chronicle" pointed out this would constitute a mutual surrender of sovereignty rights by a number of major powers, a clear indication to the rest of the world that the western democracies seek to put into practice a very much altered conception of imperial power.—Associated Press.

Lichfield Detention Camp Case

Frankfurt, May 16.
General Joseph McNarney, the American commander in Europe, said yesterday that he has ordered a complete review of the Lichfield detention camp case, after the discovery of "instances of mistreatment."

He asserted that there would be no "railroading" or undue haste in the trials of 14 officers and men on charges of mistreating soldier prisoners at the camp in England, and "I am determined that no one who may be culpable will escape from being brought to justice."

He said the investigation "indicated the failure of some intermediate commands concerned at the outset to recognize the seriousness of the situation and to direct a complete investigation and take prompt and corrective purgative action as required."

Two enlisted men were convicted at a London court martial of having mistreated prisoners. The trials of six officers and eight enlisted men charged similarly, were transferred to Bad Nauheim, Germany.—Associated Press.

Secrecy In U.N.O. Council

New York, May 16.
There are strong indications that the Security Council will approve today the proposed new rule which would permit the council to keep certain of its proceedings secret, even from fellow members of the United Nations.

The committee of experts who drew up the report embodying the "secrecy" proposal represented every delegate to the council and the committee's recommendation was unanimous.

Rule 43 would permit the council to make only a single verbal statement of a secret meeting. Rule 44 provides that any representative of a member state who is not present at a secret session shall not be permitted to participate in the discussion of the subject matter of the session.

Boothby Plan For Western Economic Bloc

London, May 17.

Robert Boothby, Conservative M.P., yesterday proposed the establishment of a Western European Federation including the British, French and American zones of Germany, as an alternative to what he called the "absorption of Europe by a Communist bloc and of Great Britain by an American bloc."

In a letter to "The Times," Boothby predicted that both America and Russia would protect against the creation of such a Western bloc—the Americans because they are "making a final attempt to revive the laissez-faire economic system" and the Russians because a federation would "set a limit to their westward expansion."

The American would find better markets in a unified western Europe, however, and the Russians would eventually realize that the federation's purpose would be economic rather than strategic, he said.—Associated Press.

DON'T WANT THE ITALIANS

Cairo, May 16.

Mohamed Idriss El Senoussi, Libyan leader, cabled the Foreign Ministers' conference in Paris yesterday protesting against proposals to place Tripolitania under Italian trusteeship. Senoussi, who has been exiled by the Italians in Egypt for 25 years, said Italian troops tortured Libyan people who fought for their liberation. Senoussi's message said: "I demand for Tripolitania a free plebiscite according to the United Nations charter."

"Anything short of this will be considered usurpation of Libyan rights and a gross injustice."—Associated Press.

Washington, May 17.
President Truman disclosed tonight that he has been in touch with Generalissimo Stalin on the question of food.—Reuter.

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N.Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, May 16.
Stocks generally returned to
the recovery side although excep-
tions were plentiful.

Inspiring a quiet bidding for
steel, motor, rail, utility and
special issues was President Tru-
man's proposal for arbitration of
the coal controversy. Many cus-
tomers held aloof pending the
outcome of the threatened rail-
way strike.

Total sales for the day amount-
ed to 1,140,000 shares.

Dow Jones Averages \$ 70.58
30 Industrials 208.17
20 Rails 63.96
15 Utilities 42.86
Adams Express \$23, Alaska
Juneau \$8, American Can \$95,
American Smelting \$68, American
Telephone \$104, American To-
bacco \$99, American Water-
works \$25, Anaconda Copper
\$46, Aviation Corporation \$11,
Baldwin \$34, Barnsdall \$30, Borden
Steel \$105, Boeing \$27, Borden
Co. \$53, Canadian Pacific \$134,
J.I. Case \$40, Chrysler \$130, Col-
gate \$51, Commercial Salvage
\$29, Corn Products \$61, Dupont
\$210, Eastman Kodak \$250,
Electric Light & Power \$28,
General Electric \$46, General
Motors \$71, Goodrich \$78, Goodyear
\$72, Homestake Min-
ing \$46, International Harvester
\$94, International Paper \$49,
International Tel. & Tel. \$25,
Johns-Manville \$155, Kennecott
Copper \$67, Montgomery Ward
\$98, National Lead \$68, New
York Central RR \$29, Packard
Motors \$9, Pan American Air-
ways \$20, Pennsylvania RR
\$41, Radio Corporation \$15, Republic
Steel \$20, Reynolds To-
bacco \$44, Schenley \$80, Sears
Roeback \$47, Shell Oil \$41,
Socony Vacuum \$17, Standard
Brands \$63, Standard Oil of Calif.
\$57, Standard Oil of New Jersey
\$70, Studebaker \$31, Union
Bag \$33, Union Carbide \$110,
U.S. Rubber \$78, U.S. Steel
\$85, Westinghouse \$34, Young-
stown Sheet & Tube \$74.—Asso-
ciated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, May 16.
Moderate offerings were un-
covered in new wheat contracts
when prices jumped five cents to
ceiling levels today. Both new
and old contracts of oat futures
were fractionally lower. May Rye
dropped five cents to further wea-
ken the cash market.

Wheat—August delivery \$1.98 1/2.
Rye—May delivery \$2.37 1/2.
Oats—New deliveries unchanged
to 1 1/2 lower. Old deliveries
unchanged to 1/2 lower.

All other grain prices in the
Chicago market—unchanged.
Winnipeg Rye Market—May
\$2.68, July \$2.62.—Associated
Press.

New York, May 16.

The Anaconda Copper Mining
Corporation reported a first quar-
ter consolidated income of \$534-
620, equal to six cents a share,
compared with \$7,357,440 or 95
cents a share a year ago.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Plan To Prevent Trade Blocs

WASHINGTON, MAY 17.

THE UNITED STATES IS TURNING INCREASING AT-
TENTION TO A POLICY OF USING MORE FULLY
HER GREATEST NATIONAL ASSET, HER UNIQUE
ECONOMIC STRENGTH, NOT ONLY TO FURTHER
THE ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES IN WHICH SHE BE-
LIEVES, BUT ALSO THE POLITICAL PRINCIPLES TO
WHICH ALL THE UNITED NATIONS ARE VERBAL-
LY PLEDGED.

BY WAY OF APPLYING THIS GENERAL POLICY A
GROUP OF STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS HAVE
PREPARED A PLAN FOR THE SOLUTION OF EURO-
PEAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ON A CONTINENTAL
BASIS.

BRIDGE NOTES

Today's hand probably belongs
in the crimo series, because South
misplayed the hand and lost his
Small Slam contract. But the
crime is a little obvious, and the
real interest centres in how South
should have known the right way
to play the hand:

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

B. Q 10 7 4

H. K Q J 7 8

D. K Q 6

C. J

B. J 8 5 2

H. 10 6

D. 7 4 2

C. 7 6 4 3

B. S

H. A 9 6 4

D. A J 10 9

C. 8 5

B. Q 10 9

H. A K Q 6

D. A 8 2

C. A K 8 5 9

The bidding:

South West North East

1C Pass 1H 2D

2S Pass 4S Pass

6S Pass Pass Pass

West opened the seven of di-

monds, and dummy's Queen forced

out East's Ace. A diamond

return was won by dummy,

and South took the next trick

with the spade Ace. Thus

far, South had played the hand

correctly, but his next play upset

his apparent; he led a low trump

and won with dummy's Queen.

When East showed out of

trumps, the show was over. South

could not avoid the loss of a

trump trick, and was therefore

bound to be set one trick.

South had no way of telling

that West had started with four

trumps, but he should have known

that if either defender had four

trumps, it was more likely to be

West. That sort of inference is

very useful, and can be made

almost every time a defensive bid

has been made. The defensive

bidder displays length in the suit

he has bid, and he is therefore a

little more likely to be short in

some other suit than is his part-
ner who has no unusually long

suit.

Acting on this inference, South

should have won the second round

of trumps with the King in his

own hand. Then if both players

followed suit, dummy's Queen

would draw the last trump; but if

East showed out, a finesse could

be taken through West's Jack. The

way South played the hand would

have been correct if West had

held the diamonds, but was very

unsound in view of the actual

bidding.

Yesterday you were David

Bruce Burnstone's partner and,

with both sides vulnerable, you

held:

S. A Q 10 3 2

H. K J 9 4

D. 7

C. A 10 5

The bidding:

You Schenken Burnstone Maler

1S Pass 1NT Pass

2S Pass 2S Pass

(7)

ANSWER: Pass. Your part-
ner's bidding indicates a weak

hand, and game is unlikely unless

he has at least fair strength.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 40

per cent for three spades.

Question

Today you are Howard Schen-

ken's partner and, with both sides

vulnerable, you hold:

S. 7 3 2

H. 8 4

D. A Q J 7 6

C. K 8 3

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Maler

1S Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer

Tomorrow).

U.S. COTTON

New York, May 16.

New York Cotton—May \$26.95,

July \$27.30, October \$27.50,

December \$27.59, March \$27.00,

May (1947) \$27.72, Middling Spot

\$27.91.

New Orleans Cotton—May

\$27.07, July \$27.20, October

\$27.45, December \$27.55, March

\$27.07, Middling Spot \$27.05.

Associated Press.

TREASURY POSITION

Washington, May 16.

The U.S. Treasury position

with the gold position

has been improved by the

sale of gold to the Federal

Reserve Bank of New York

and the sale of gold to the

U.S. Treasury.

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